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SUBJECT: MAY 23 ROUNDUP: PRESS ITEMS OF ARMS CONTROL INTEREST

LONDON FOR AMB/EX, SOFIA FOR AMBASSADOR

1. SYNDICATED COLUMNIST MARY MC GRORY, WRITING IN WASHINGTON STAR, SAID RIGHT WING IN U.S., "WHICH IS GEARING UP FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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ALL-OUT WAR ON SALT RATIFICATION," WILL UNDOUBTEDLY USE YURI ORLOV CASE AS ANOTHER ARGUMENT "AGAINST SIGNING PACT WITH DEVIL. BURDEN WILL BE ON PROPONENTS TO PROVE THAT ALL ITEMS COVERED CAN BE VERIFIED BY INSPECTION." MC GRORY SAID CONSERVATIVES, SMARTING OVER THEIR PANAMA DEFEAT, "CAN ALMOST TASTE VICTORY ON SALT. THEY HAVE MONEY, ORGANIZATION AND DEMOCRATIC ALLIES." SHE REPORTED THAT HARVARD

PROFESSOR EMERITUS GEORGE KISTIAKOWSKY WAS IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK FOR AN OFF-RECORD LUNCHEON DISCUSSION WITH SIX "DISCOURAGED ADVOCATES OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT"--SENATORS BUMBERS, CULVER, CRANSTON, CHURCH, NELSON AND MATHIAS. SHE QUOTED BUMPERS AS SAYING "CLIMATE FOR RATIFICATION OF SALT TWO COULDN'T BE WORSE." SENATORS AGREED, MC GRORY REPORTED, THAT PROBLEM WAS LINKAGE. SHE SAID "KISTIAKOWSKY ADVISED SENATORS TO 'DENY EACH AND EVERY LINK, BEGINNING WITH DETENTE. WE DON'T HAVE TO BE BUDDIES IF WE SIGN SALT. THAT IS SEPARATE, COLD-BLOODED CONSIDERATION, WHICH IS IN OUR INTEREST." MC GRORY SAID SENATORS AND KISTIAKOWSKY "AGREED THAT PRESIDENT, WHO EXPRESSED AN INAGURAL GOAL OF ELIMINATING NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM FACE OF EARTH, IS DOING LITTLE TO MAKE HIS DREAM COME TRUE. WHITE HOUSE INSIDERS COUNTER THAT PRESIDENT IS GOING ABOUT IT FROM AN ANGLE. IN ORDER TO SELL SALT TWO, HE IS GOING BEFORE PEOPLE AS TOUGH MILITARY OFFICER, UNDER NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT SOVIET INTEN-TIONS AND LAST PERSON IN WORLD TO GAMBLE ON U.S. SECURITY. LATEST HARRIS POLL SHOWS WHAT ALL POLLS HAVE ALWAYS SHOWN, THAT AMERICAN PEOPLE OVERWHELMINGLY FAVOR NUCLEAR DISARMA-MENT....IF THERE IS TO BE SALT TWO, PRESIDENT CARTER IS GOING TO HAVE TO STEP OUT FRONT. HIS DECISION TO SEND VICE PRESIDENT WALTER F. MONDALE TO SPECIAL U.N. SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, INSTEAD OF GOING HIMSELF, SUGGESTS THAT PRESENTLY COLD WARRIOR IS IN ASCENDANCY OVER NUCLEAR NEGOTIATOR. BUT HE IS ONLY ONE WHO CAN CONVINCE AMERICANS UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT SALT PROVIDES ARMS CONTROL THEY WANT COMBINED WITH REASSURANCES THEY NEED. THAT IS LINKAGE THAT MUST BE MADE AND HE'S ONLY ONE WHO CAN MAKE IT."

- 2. BALTIMORE SUN, IN EDITORIAL ON SSOD, SAID "RATHER THAN SUFFER MEDDLING OF SO-CALLED NON-ALIGNED NATIONS, U.S. AND SOVIET UNION FIND IT MORE COMFORTABLE TO NEGOTIATE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS BILATERALLY IN SALT FRAMEWORK, OR TO KEEP EUROPEAN ARMS TALKS IN NATO-WARSAW PACT CONTEXT, OR TO RETAIN THEIR EXCLUSIVE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP OF 31-NATION DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. BECAUSE THIS COZY ARRANGEMENT HAS FAILED TO STOP UPWARD SPIRAL IN NUCLEAR ARMS, OTHER NATIONS ARE WELL JUSTIFIED IN AIRING THEIR COMPLAINTS. BUT THOUGH NUCLEAR BIG TWO ARE EASY TARGETS, U.N. SPECIAL SESSION WILL FALL FAR SHORT OF ITS PROMISE IF IT DOES NOT EXPOSE COSTS AND DANGERS OF UPWARD SPIRAL IN CONVENTIONAL ARMS RACE."
- 3. WASHINGTON STAR REPORTED THAT REV. WILLIAM SLOANE COFFIN, JR., SENIOR MINISTER OF NEW YORK'S RIVERSIDE CHURCH, TOLD CONGREGATION SUNDAY THAT CHURCH WAS HIRING CORA WEISS TO ORGANIZE SERIES OF CONFERENCES THAT WILL SEEK DISARMA-

MENT. COFFIN SAID WEISS IS "ONE OF BEST ORGANIZERS IN COUNTRY." WEISS IS IN VIETNAM TO HELP DELIVER 10,000 METRIC TONS OF WHEAT DONATED BY CAMPAIGN SHE ORGANIZED FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICES.

4. U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT (MAY 29) PUBLISHED COMMENT FROM TOP ADMINISTRATION SECURITY STRATEGIST: "SENATE IS NOW SO SUSPICIOUS OF SOVIET UNION THAT EVEN IF RUSSIANS WERE TO CAPITULATE ON ALL REMAINING QUESTIONS BLOCKING AN ARMS LIMITATION TREATY--WHICH THEY WON'T--SENATE WOULD PROBABLY STILL REJECT PACT." VANCE

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